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January 29, 2009

Thomas S. Burack, Chairman Site Evaluation Committee NH Department of Environmental Services 29 Hazen Drive Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Re: Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC

Docket No. 2008-04

Dear Chairman Burack:

Enclosed for filing with the New Hampshire Site Evaluation Committee with reference to the above-captioned matter please find an original and nine copies of a *Motion for Enlargement of Time to File Responses to Data Requests* on behalf of the State of New Hampshire Fish and Game Department.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Evan J. Mulholland

Assistant Attorney General

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Enclosure

cc: Service List

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE SITE EVALUATION COMMITTEE

RE: APPLICATION OF GRANITE RELIABLE POWER LLC FOR CERTIFICATE OF SITE AND FACILITY FOR GRANITE RELIABLE POWER WINDPARK IN COOS COUNTY DOCKET NO. 2008-04

MOTION FOR ENLARGEMENT OF TIME TO FILE RESPONSES TO DATA REQUESTS

NOW COMES the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department (the "Department"), by and through the office of the Attorney General, and submits this motion, pursuant to N.H. SITE 202.14, for enlargement of time to submit responses to data requests. In support hereof, the Department states:

- 1. On January 9, 2009 at approximately 5:00 PM, a series of one hundred and twenty-one data requests, most with several sub-requests, were received by undersigned counsel on behalf of the Department. Despite diligent effort, the Department will be unable to produce all the requested documents and responses by January 29th.
- 2. On January 27, 2009 undersigned counsel had a discussion about these data requests, wherein the Department informed counsel for the applicant that not all the responses would be ready by the January 29th deadline. Undersigned counsel offered to produce as many responses as were available by the 29th, and that the remaining responses would be produced as soon thereafter as possible.
- 3. Counsel for the applicant refused to accommodate the Department, and has stated that it cannot agree to any extension of time. See Exhibit 1, Correspondence between undersigned and counsel for the applicant.

- 4. With this motion, the Department offers to make available its witnesses, Mr. Staats and Ms. Kelly, for a further technical session, if necessary and if requested by the applicant.
- 5. The Department will provide as many responses and documents as possible on January 29, but expects that a few responses will be produced within a few days after January 29, 2009.

WHEREFORE, the Department respectfully requests that the January 29th deadline for responding to the applicant's data requests be enlarged by ten days.

Respectfully submitted,

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

By its attorneys,

Kelly A. Ayotte Attorney General

Date: January 29, 2008

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing has on this day been sent via electronic mail or U.S. mail to the parties on the attached Service List.

Evan J. Mulholland

Exhibit 1

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January 28, 2009

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Re:

Application of Granite Reliable Power, LLC

Docket No. 2008-04

Dear Attorney Geiger:

Thank you for the call yesterday. I write to confirm our agreement that the New Hampshire Fish and Game Department will timely provide as many answers to the data requests propounded on it by the applicant as possible, and that the remaining responses will be provided shortly thereafter.

After review of RSA Chapter 212-A, it is the position of the Department that RSA 212-A:13, III does not bar the Site Evaluation Committee from hearing testimony and evidence on the effect of the proposed project on threatened and endangered species. RSA 162-H:16, IV(c) specifically requires that an applicant show that a project will not have an unreasonable adverse effect on the natural environment, which includes, by any interpretation, the plant and animal species that occur naturally on the project site.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Evan J. Mulholland

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cc: Steven J. Weber, Senior Biologist, Fish & Game Department

Mulholland, Evan

From: Geiger, Susan S. [SGeiger@orr-reno.com]

Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2009 9:22 AM

To: Mulholland, Evan
Cc: Patch, Douglas L.

Subject: follow-up on phone message

Evan – This is a follow-up to the voice message I just left you. I called and am writing to address the first paragraph of the letter you just faxed to me. This is to clarify that on yesterday's phone call with you, Doug Patch and I did not agree to any extension of the 1/29 SEC-ordered deadline for filing answers to the applicant's data requests in the Granite Reliable Power matter. What we agreed upon was that you would provide as many of the answers as possible by the SEC-ordered deadline. As we told you during yesterday's call, the 1/29 deadline was established in an order issued by the SEC's presiding officer. Thus, you will need to file a motion with the presiding officer of the SEC if you need an extension of that deadline. As Doug and I told you, we cannot agree to an extension of time due to the fact that in order to prepare for the technical session on 2/3, we need to see the answers to our data requests before then. Please let me know if you have any further questions about this matter. Thank you. Susan

Susan S. Geiger

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APPLICATION OF GRANITE RELIABLE POWER, LLC

DOCKET NO. 2008-04

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